IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application: Rinkevich et al. 8 Group Art Unit: 2131 §

§ Serial No.: 09/731,623 Examiner: Chai. Longbit

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For: Aggregated Authenticated Identity Apparatus for and Method

Therefor

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No fees are believed to be required. If, however, any fees are required, I authorize the Commissioner to charge these fees which may be required to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0447. No extension of time is believed to be necessary. If, however, an extension of time is required, the extension is requested, and I authorize the Commissioner to charge any fees for this extension to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0447.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.